

FACULTY RECITAL

SERGIU LUCA, violin

LYNN HARRELL, cello

Friday, February 20, 2004

8:00 p.m.

Lillian H. Duncan Recital Hall

RICE UNIVERSITY

the
Shepherd
School
of Music

PROGRAM

***Suite No. 6 in D Major for
Solo Violoncello, BWV 1012***

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)*

*Prelude
Allemande
Courante
Sarabande
Gavottes I and II
Gigue*

***Partita in D Minor for
Solo Violin, BWV 1004***

Johann Sebastian Bach

*Allemanda
Corrente
Sarabanda
Giga
Ciaccona*

INTERMISSION

Duo for Violin and Cello, Op. 7

*Zoltán Kodály
(1882-1967)*

*Allegro serioso, non troppo
Adagio
Maestoso e largamente,
ma non troppo lento – Presto*

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BIOGRAPHIES

A consummate soloist, chamber musician, recitalist, conductor, and teacher, LYNN HARRELL's work in America, Europe, and Asia has placed him in the highest echelon of today's performing artists. A frequent guest of many of the leading orchestras, in recent seasons Mr. Harrell has performed with the Boston and Chicago symphonies, the Los Angeles Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, the Dallas Symphony (whom he guest conducted), the St. Louis Symphony at Royal Festival Hall, the London Philharmonic with Kurt Masur conducting, and the Israel Philharmonic with Franz Welser-Möst conducting. Additional highlights include a two-week tour to Japan with Vladimir Ashkenazy and Pinchas Zukerman, a three week "Lynn Harrell Cello Festival" with the Hong Kong Philharmonic, and a return tour to Australia.

A special part of Mr. Harrell's life is the Aspen Music Festival, where he has spent his summers performing and teaching for nearly fifty years. Mr. Harrell is also a regular participant at the Verbier Festival in Switzerland. On April 7, 1994, he appeared at the Vatican with the Royal Philharmonic conducted by Gilbert Levine in a concert dedicated to the memory of the six million Jews who perished in the Holocaust. The audience for this historic event, which was the Vatican's first official commemoration of the Holocaust, included Pope John Paul II and the Chief Rabbi of Rome. Mr. Harrell also appeared live on the internationally-televised 1994 Grammy Awards Show with Itzhak Perlman and Pinchas Zukerman performing an excerpt from their Grammy-nominated complete Beethoven String Trios recording (Angel/EMI). The trio was the only classical nominee to perform on the show.

Highlights from an extensive discography of over thirty recordings include the complete Bach **Cello Suites** (London/Decca), two recordings of the Dvořák **Cello Concerto** (RCA and London/Decca), the world premiere recording of Victor Herbert's **Cello Concerto No. 1** with the Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields led by Sir Neville Marriner (London/Decca), the Walton **Concerto** with Simon Rattle and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra (EMI), and the Donald Erb **Concerto** with Leonard Slatkin and the St. Louis Symphony (New World). Together with Perlman and Ashkenazy, Harrell was awarded two Grammy Awards—in 1981 for the Tchaikovsky **Piano Trio** and in 1987 for the complete Beethoven **Piano Trios** (Angel/EMI). He collaborated with Stephen Kovacevich in recording the two Brahms cello sonatas and with Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg on Bella Italia: "Chamber Music from Aspen" (EMI), which includes a performance of Tchaikovsky's **Souvenir de Florence**.

A recording of the Schubert Trios with Ashkenazy and Zukerman (London/Decca) was released in 1998. His recording of the Rózsa Concerto with the Atlanta Symphony (Telarc) was released in February 2000. His recording with Kennedy, "Duos for Violin and Cello," was released to great critical acclaim (EMI, May 2000).

Mr. Harrell's experience as an educator is wide and varied. From 1985-1993 he held the International Chair for Cello Studies at the Royal Academy in London. Concurrently from 1988-1992 he was the Artistic Director of the orchestra, chamber music, and conductor training program at the Los Angeles Philharmonic Institute. In 1993 he became head of the Royal Academy in London, a post which he held through 1995. Additionally, Mr. Harrell has taught at the Juilliard School, the Cincinnati College-Conservatory, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and UCLA, as well as USC, where he held the Piatigorsky Chair from 1987-1993. Mr. Harrell has also given master classes at the Verbier and Aspen Festivals, and in major metropolitan areas throughout the world as part of his annual touring.

Mr. Harrell is Professor of Violoncello at the Shepherd School of Music. Born in New York to musician parents, he began his musical studies in Dallas and proceeded to the Juilliard School and the Curtis Institute. Mr. Harrell is the recipient of numerous awards including the first Avery Fisher Award. He plays a 1673 Stradivarius and a 1720 Montagnana.

"A fiddler's fiddler" is how violinist SERGIU LUCA was described by a reviewer in the Washington Post. This is typical praise for a concert personality who has enjoyed a world-wide career. He combines an unparalleled diversity of repertoire with inspired virtuosity as a soloist with orchestras as well as in recitals annually at major music centers around the world. A native of Rumania, Mr. Luca made his debut with Israel's Haifa Symphony at the age of nine. Following his studies in England and Switzerland, he came to the United States to study with the legendary pedagogue Ivan Galamian at the Curtis Institute.

Soon after his debut with the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1965, he was chosen by Leonard Bernstein to play the Sibelius Violin Concerto with the New York Philharmonic for a special CBS television network tribute to the Finnish composer. He has subsequently performed with many of the world's leading orchestras in Europe, Israel, Latin America, and the United States, including the Cleveland, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Houston, Baltimore, Atlanta, and National Symphony Orchestras, as well as the Israel Philharmonic, New Philharmonia of London, and the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra.

Sergiu Luca's many recordings attest to his sensitivity for varied styles and periods of music. He made a sensation with his recordings of the complete unaccompanied works of J.S. Bach, the first rendering on an original instrument. Subsequent recordings of music by Bartók, Schumann, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Tartini, Janáček, and William Bolcom, as well as orchestral recordings with Leonard Slatkin and the St. Louis Symphony and David Zinman and the Rochester Philharmonic gained him international acclaim.

As a recitalist, Sergiu Luca has performed throughout North America and in Europe, Mexico, and Japan. He has collaborated with such keyboard artists as Albert Fuller, Emanuel Ax, Anne Epperson, Joseph Kalichstein, Malcolm Bilson, Peter Serkin, Brian Connelly, and Gustav Leonhardt.

Sergiu Luca is the Dorothy Richard Starling Professor of Classical Violin at the Shepherd School of Music. He is also the founder of the presenting organizations Chamber Music Northwest and Da Camera of Houston, and of the ensemble CONTEXT, which was formed in 1994.